

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“”) being deleted:

1. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (New) A method for directing a communication request to terminating equipment associated with a predetermined revert number, the method comprising:

receiving at a voicemail server, a communication request from a caller for a callee at a first terminating equipment;

providing the caller with a prompt indicating a predetermined user option for contacting the callee at a second terminating equipment associated with the predetermined revert number; and

in response to receiving caller input related to the predetermined user option, sending a release message indicating a release of the communication request from the voicemail server, wherein the release message facilitates rerouting the communication request to a second termination device associated with the predetermined revert number.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the communication request is routed from a first service switching point (SSP) associated with the first terminating equipment to a second service switching point (SSP) associated with the second terminating equipment.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising sending the release message to a service switching point (SSP) associated with the voicemail server.

33. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the release message includes a remote operations (RO) parameter.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the remote operations (RO) parameter includes at least one of the following: an operation type, the revert number, and a subscriber number.

35. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the release message includes a GR-1129 message comprising the remote operations parameter.

36. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein in response to sending the release message, the communication request is routed to a service switching point (SSP) associated with to the first terminating equipment.

37. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein in response to sending the release message, the communication request is routed to a service switching point (SSP) associated with the second terminating equipment.

38. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the communication request is routed to the service switching point (SSP) associated with the second terminating equipment via a service switching point (SSP) associated with the first terminating equipment.

39. (New) A voicemail server for receiving a communication request from a caller to a callee associated with a first terminating equipment, the voicemail server comprising:

a receiver operative to receive an indication of action to be taken with respect to the communication request; and

a transmitter for transmitting a message indicating a release of the communication, the message indicating the action to be taken with respect to the communication,

wherein the voicemail server is configured to provide the caller with a prompt indicating a predetermined user option for contacting the callee at a second terminating equipment associated with a predetermined revert number, and

wherein, in response to receiving caller input related to the predetermined user option, the communication request is released such that the communication request can be rerouted to the second terminating equipment without involvement of the voicemail server.

40. (New) The voicemail server of claim 39, wherein the communication request is routed from a first service switching point (SSP) associated with the first terminating equipment to a second service switching point (SSP) associated with the second terminating equipment.

41. (New) The voicemail server of claim 39, wherein the voicemail server is further configured to send a release message to a service switching point (SSP) associated with the voicemail server.

42. (New) The voicemail server of claim 41, wherein the release message includes a remote operations (RO) parameter.

43. (New) The voicemail server of claim 42, wherein the remote operations (RO) parameter includes at least one of the following: an operation type, the revert number, and a subscriber number.

44. (New) The voicemail server of claim 41, wherein the release message includes a GR-1129 message comprising a remote operations (RO) parameter.

45. (New) The voicemail server of claim 39, wherein in response to sending the release message, voicemail server is configured to route the communication request to a service switching point (SSP) associated with the first terminating equipment.

46. (New) The voicemail server of claim 39, wherein in response to sending the release message, the communication request is routed to a service switching point (SSP) associated with the second terminating equipment.

47. (New) A voicemail server for receiving a communication request from a caller to a callee associated with a first terminating equipment, the voicemail server comprising:

 a receiver operative to receive an indication of action to be taken with respect to the communication request; and

 a transmitter for transmitting a message indicating a release of the communication request, the message indicating the action to be taken with respect to the communication request, wherein the voicemail server is configured to provide the caller with a prompt indicating a predetermined user option for contacting the callee at a second terminating equipment associated with a predetermined revert number,

 wherein, in response to receiving caller input related to the predetermined user option, the communication request is released such that the communication request can be rerouted to the second terminating equipment without involvement of the voicemail server,

 wherein the voicemail server is further configured to send a release message to a service switching point (SSP) associated with the voicemail server,

 wherein the release message includes a GR-1129 message comprising a remote operations (RO) parameter, and

 wherein the remote operations (RO) parameter includes the revert number.

48. (New) The voicemail server of claim 47, wherein in response to sending the release message, voicemail server is configured to route the communication request to a service switching point (SSP) associated with the first terminating equipment.

49. (New) The voicemail server of claim 47, wherein in response to sending the release message, the communication request is routed to a service switching point (SSP) associated with the second terminating equipment.

50. (New) The voicemail server of claim 47, wherein the communication request is routed to the service switching point (SSP) associated with the second terminating equipment via a service switching point (SSP) associated with the first terminating equipment.